

## A WORD TO PASTORS.

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I am not a pastor, neither am I a preacher, but I have a word to say to all the preachers of the Brethren church, pastors especially, those who have charge of churches. Now is the time to act. I mean now is the time to enthuse your members. If you will only half try, you can raise your share apportioned to your class for the liquidation of the whole debt of Ashland University. I said "Ashland University." But let us not have it that way. Say the "Brethren University," located at Ashland, O. It is our school, and it is our debt to pay, and if every pastor of our church will go to work as did several of our brethren at our late Conference to raise money for a good cause, the debt of the University will be wiped out in less time than it takes me to write this item. Our people are ready to work, I mean ready to pay their honest shares, and they are only waiting for the proper encouragement, and I know our pastors can give the encouragement necessary to meet the demand. But some may question, how do you know that our people are ready? I answer, because I hear them talk right here at home. Why! I heard two of our brothers talk on this subject. One had been at the Conference one day, and he was telling the other of the good time, etc., and the other said I believe the school will run at last, the other said, "sure." Well, said the other, I'm ready to do my share, and so said the one who was at the Conference. Now, pastors, if you will give a talk of fifteen minutes to your congregations with the same zeal, and force, and will power, that I often have listened to, when you are pleading with sinners to come home, you can not fail. I pray may God give you courage to act promptly, and the battle will soon be over.

Homerville, O.

## MEMORIAL.

To the various District Conventions of the Brethren church greeting.

With thankful hearts for past blessings and triumphs, and with a lively hope in Christ Jesus our Lord, for future and greater success, we come, begging of you a kindly consideration of our purposes and work.

Scarcely two years have elapsed since the King's Children became the National Young peoples' Society of the Brethren church, and already we have organizations from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, and have more than doubled our membership during the past year.

We have already been made to see the

power of judicious organization, and to enjoy the fruits of the movement. For through it, churches have been strengthened, and many young people have been brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord, and have found a peaceful abiding place within his fold. These facts being constantly before us, it is not necessary that we dwell further on the purposes of the National King's Children Society, but it is better that we come at once to the matter of means and methods.

One of the means that we have successfully employed, and which we believe to be of primary importance to the Brethren church, is, the publication of our own literature, and the production of our own requisites, from which a handsome income can be derived, and, from these sources a substantial fund can annually be turned into the treasuries of the church.

We have demonstrated that vast sums of money, can be gathered for the Lord's work, by properly, and wisely managing the minor resources of the church, and at the same time we can produce a literature that is better suited to the advancement of the Lord's work than much that has hitherto found its way into our homes from other publishers.

To render this means more effective, in reaching the minds of our young people, and children, we earnestly urge your hearty co-operation with the National King's Children Society.

For the honor and glory of the Lord, and the advancement of his cause on the earth, and the fostering of the institutions of our blessed church, we the National Board of directors of the King's Children Society, humbly ask that the various District Conventions throughout the brotherhood, adopt the Constitution of the National King's Children Society, and in accordance with Article 14, of said constitution, appoint, or elect a District Board to further the matter of organization in the local churches, and to prudently urge that our own literature and requisites be used as far as practicable by all societies throughout the respective district.

We believe that loyalty to the Lord, and to his cause on earth, demands that we have the same careful regard for the teaching of our young people, and children, that we have from the pulpit, and general church service.

With charity for all, and the best and most permanent interests of the church at heart, we humbly submit the above for your approval and adoption.

Signed, by the National Board of Directors.

J. O. TALLEY, President.

## TEMPERANCE.

ENOS SAYGER.

A Bible proof that strong drink is a thief, is Prov. 20: 1. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

There is a habit of using strong drink—not the habit of getting drunk, with most young men, but the habit of taking drink occasionally in milder forms, of playing with a small appetite that only needs sufficient playing with to make you a demon or a dolt. You think you are safe. I know you are not safe, if you drink at all, and when you get offended with the good friends who warn you of your danger, you are a fool.

It, (the use of intoxicating drinks in ten years) has cost the United States a direct expense of \$600,000,000. It has destroyed 300,000 lives. It has sent 100,000 to the poor house. It has consigned at least 150,000 to the jails and penitentiaries. It has made 1,000 maniacs. It has made 1,500 murderers. It has caused 2,000 persons to commit suicide. It has made 200,000 widows and 100,000 orphan children.

Go to a public gathering where a speaker of delicate lungs is trying to discuss some important topic, so that a thousand men can hear him, where ten or twenty smokers are puffing away at their cigars, and mark how the puffing gradually transforms the atmosphere into that of some foul cavern, choking the utterance of the speaker, distracting the attention of the hearers, until the argument is arrested, or its effect utterly destroyed.

Did it ever occur to you who you are, what you are made for, where you are going? Your body, whose construction infinite wisdom exhorted the resources of its ingenuity is the temple of a soul that shall live forever, a companion of angels, a searcher into the deep things of God, a being allied in essence to the Divine. I say the body is the temple, or the tabernacle of such a being as this, and what do you think of stuffing the front door of such a building, full of the most disgusting weeds that you can find, or setting a match to it, or fill the chimney with snuff. It looks very much like an endeavor to smoke out the tenant, or to insult him in such a manner as to induce him to quit the premises. You really ought to be ashamed of your behavior. A clean mouth, a sweet breath, unstained teeth, and inoffensive clothing,—are not these treasures worth preserving? Then throw away tobacco, and all thoughts of it at once and forever. Be a man. Divine word says, "Be temperate in all things."